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REMARKS

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1. On 14 September 1953, the AAA emplacement on Dimitroff Strasse, Johann-georgenstadt, was occupied by 7 x 37-mm AA guns. On 14 September [redacted] the emplacement was being surrounded by a board fence. 50X1-HUM
On 7 September, soldiers seen in the emplacement practiced aiming at movable miniature aircraft. 1 50X1-HUM
2. On 14 September, the Neue Kaserne (Internate I, 1482) between Dimitroff Strasse and Eibenstock Strasse, Johanngeorgenstadt, was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. The troops were employed in the shafts as drivers. 2
3. On 14 September, the barracks installation near Shaft No 60 (Internate 3, 1484), was occupied by about 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The troops were employed in guard duty at the shafts. 2
4. On 14 September, the barracks installation west of the townhall was occupied by about 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The troops were employed in guard duty at the shafts. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation [redacted] 2 50X1-HUM
5. On 14 September, the former Box furniture factory was occupied by about 300 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The troops were employed in guard duty at the shafts. Between 7 and 14 September, soldiers at drill and others, who had fallen in for a roll call, were repeatedly observed in the quartering area. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation [redacted] 2 50X1-HUM
6. On 14 September, the former Wendler factory (Heinz Factory 1481) was occupied by about 500 troops wearing black-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 11 September, about 100 troops drilled in the barracks yard and, on 14 September, about 50 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with construction engineer insignia left the installation at the beginning of the afternoon shift. 2

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7. On 14 September, the installation near Shaft No 126 in the Hammerwald (forest) was occupied by about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Troops with dogs were employed in guard duty at the shafts. 3
8. On 14 September, the Pachthausbaracken installation (1485) was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] these troops were also employed in guard duty at the shafts. 2
9. [redacted] a military installation at the intersection of Dimitroff Strasse and Schwarzenberger Strasse. The quarters consisted of one building, occupied by about 50 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. [redacted] the troops were employed in guard duty at a nearby generator. [redacted] no [redacted] training activity. 4 50X1-HUM
10. On 14 September, the barracks installation in Breitenbrunn (1204) was occupied by about 350 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including some with construction engineer insignia; about 250 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. The troops were employed in ore mining, the distribution of explosives, guard duty with dogs at the shafts, at the power station and the draft engine and as drivers for ore vehicles of the Wismut Corporation. [redacted] since 1 August, Germans were no longer employed as drivers of these vehicles. On 8 September, about 100 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets practiced firing with carbines and machine guns and, on 11 September, about 80 troops engaged in physical training. 2 50X1-HUM
11. On 14 September, the barracks installation southwest of Crandorf was occupied by about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The troops were employed in guard duty at Shafts Nos 306 and 206 north of Rittersgruen. 2
12. On 14 September, the barracks installation about 1,500 meters northeast of Antonsthal was occupied by about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The troops were employed in guard duty with dogs at Shafts Nos 98 and 235 north of Antonsthal. 2
13. On 14 September, the barracks installation at Antonshoehe (1061) on hill No 647.3, about 200 meters west of the road crossing, was occupied. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] the troops were employed in guard duty, probably at Shaft No 248. 2 50X1-HUM
14. [redacted] a military installation near Tafelberg, about 550 meters south-southwest of Hill No 890.2, about 3 km south of Rittergruen, which was occupied by about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. 3 50X1-HUM
15. [redacted] the AAA emplacement near Steinheidels was occupied by 5 x 37-mm AA guns. No training activity was observed. 1 50X1-HUM
16. On 14 September, the former Kutscher factory (1841) in Schwarzenberg was occupied by about 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, including about 20 percent officers. [redacted] four majors who wore red-bordered golden epaulets. Lieutenant Colonel Mikhaillov (fnu) from Beierfeld repeatedly 50X1-HUM

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visited the installation. On 7 September, about 150 troops engaged in drill and physical training in the barracks yard, 150 troops were at the Waschleithe training area and about 100 troops engaged in marksmanship training at the firing range in Waschleithe. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation.

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17. On 14 September, the barracks installation in Beierfeld was occupied by about 800 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including 10 percent with construction engineer insignia. The troops were hauled to the shafts by buses of the Wismut Corporation. The orders, according to which the buses had to be made available, were signed by Lieutenant Colonel Mikhailov. The troops were employed in mining activities, the distribution of explosives, at the power station and the draft engine. Engineer soldiers went to Shafts Nos 98, 206, 235, 248, 257, 278, 306 and 332 in the Gruenstaedt-Erla-Antonsthal area on buses from the Gross-Garage. 5
18. On 14 September, the barracks installation south of Raschau (1782) was occupied by about 150 troops, including about 20 percent officers, the troops were employed in guard duty with dogs at Shafts Nos 257 and 278 near Gruenstaedt and Raschau. 6
19. On 14 September, 5 x 37-mm AA guns were in the AAA emplacement at Lehmberg. Sentries seen wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 10 September, 20 soldiers received instruction in the radio station, about 250 meters northwest of the emplacement. 1
20. On 15 September, the barracks installation in Frohnau in the Annaberg area was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The troops were employed in guard duty at the shafts in the Annaberg-Buchholz area, along with KVP personnel. On 14 September, about 120 troops were seen engaged in a field exercise southwest of their quarters. 2
21. On 15 September, the former Mehnert factory was occupied by about 1,100 troops. They were employed in guard duty at the ore testing laboratory, the ore washery at the Poehlberg, the former komendatura, which, at present, houses the main administration of the Wismut Corporation; the installation on Jungfernstieg, which included a motor vehicle equipment depot and a repair shop; officers' billets on Parkstrasse, and the installation on Haldenstrasse and Schumannstrasse, which also included officers' billets, apartments for civilian employees of the Wismut Corporation and a small radio station. On 12 September, 120 to 150 troops drilled at Stalin Platz and 70 troops practiced firing at the firing range near the quarry, while 40 to 50 troops practiced the throwing of hand grenades in the field fortifications near the Annaberg firing range. On 15 September, 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen relieving the guard at the ore washery in Annaberg and 40 soldiers practiced running in the terrain. 7
22. On 8 September, the former high school for boys was vacant. 8
23. On 9 September, the installation on Leninstrasse was occupied by an SSD (state security service) office. 9

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24. On 18 August, the former Mehnert factory was occupied by about 1,000 troops, 65 percent of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia, and 35 percent black-bordered black epaulets with construction engineer and signal insignia. On 18 August, about 600 troops were seen in the quartering area; they included about 200 troops not engaged in any special duty. The troops left for guard duty on buses and trucks, and groups up to 20 soldiers marched to Jungfernstieg to relieve the guard there. 7
25. On 18 August, the installation between Voigtstrasse and Kleinrueckerswalder Strasse was vacant, while all other buildings were occupied by Germans. 9
26. On 18 August, guard details of up to 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed at the motor pool on Jungfernstieg, north of the upper railroad station. 2 50X1-HUM
27. On 31 August, Restricted Area I, Auerbach, was occupied by about 1,000 troops, 65 percent of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport and artillery insignia and 35 percent black-bordered black epaulets with construction engineer, signal and medical corps insignia. Prior to 31 August, about 500 troops were daily seen firing, drilling and throwing hand grenades, and about 200 troops were not engaged in any duty. On 31 August, about 700 troops and 60 officers were seen entering the quartering area. 2
28. On 31 August, Restricted Area II was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. During the period under review, about 700 troops were daily seen drilling and firing and about 300 troops were not engaged in any duty. On 21 August, 300 to 400 troops were seen entering the quartering area. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the restricted area included 2 50X1-HUM
29. On 3 September, the installation south of Wildbach in Oberschlema, was occupied by about 120 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; and by about 600 troops. All was quiet in the quartering area. 2 50X1-HUM
30. On 3 September, the installation west of the Aue-Niederschlema railroad line was occupied to capacity by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 20 troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets and several uniformed women wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Eight trucks and four sedans were seen in the installation. Between 1 and 5 September troops observed in the quartering area received theoretical instruction, and engaged in training in firing and physical training. On 4 and 5 September each about 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation toward the shafts. On 5 September, the installation near the post office was occupied to capacity by about 180 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Four trucks and one sedan were seen in the quartering area. On 3 September, about 50 troops left the installation for guard duty at the shafts.
31. On 28 August, the Neue Kaserne (Hecker Machine 1082) in Aue was occupied to capacity by about 350 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 26 August, a large number of troops left the installation toward the training area, where they were to receive basic training, theoretical instruction and training in marksmanship. About 120 to 150 troops daily went to the shafts. 6

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32. On 23 August, the AAA emplacement northeast of Aue was occupied by about 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 4 x 76.2-mm AA guns. On 28 August, about 12 soldiers received instruction on the guns. Trucks [redacted] were seen near the emplacement. 1 50X1-HUM
33. On 20 August, the Kleine Kaserne, (Wellner Corp. 1081), was occupied by about 240 to 300 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Eight trucks, 4 sedans, 2 jeeps and 1 ambulance were seen in the quartering area. Trucks [redacted] were seen en route to and from the installation. 6 50X1-HUM
34. On 22 August, the installation south of the Aue-Oberschlema main road was occupied to capacity by about 220 to 240 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; and by about 15 dogs. On 21 August, about 60 troops with 7 dogs were lined up for guard duty. On 21 August, truck [redacted] was seen in the barracks yard. 2 50X1-HUM
1. [redacted] Comment. The AAA emplacements are known. [redacted] the emplacements are occupied by elements of the 6th Gds AAA Div. [redacted] an AAA unit returned to Breitenbrunn from the Wustrow firing range on 21 September. [redacted] 50X1
2. [redacted] Comment. The installations appear to be occupied as previously. The numbers in parenthesis are the numbers under which the installations are indicated in the US-Installations List. 50X1
3. [redacted] Comment. These installations are reported for the first time.
4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] probably referred to the barracks installation near Rabenberg (1201). 50X1-HUM
5. [redacted] Comment. The Kutscher factory has mostly been reported occupied by 1,000 to 1,500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Lieutenant Colonel Mikhailov (fnu) [redacted] previously reported [redacted] in connection with this installation. [redacted] 50X1-HUM 50X1
6. [redacted] Comment. The installations have, so far, been reported with a higher occupation strength. [redacted]
7. [redacted] Comment. The Mehnert factory was previously reported occupied by about 500 troops. [redacted] 50X1
8. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the unit stationed in the former high school for boys had transferred to the Mehnert Kaserne. [redacted] the former high school for boys occupied by 200 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets.
9. [redacted] Comment. The two installations had been vacated by the Soviets in early 1953.

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